

# DOOMES-DAY:

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The great Day of the Lords Iudgement,  
proved by Scripture; and two other Prophecies,  
the one pointing at the yeare 1640. the other at this  
present yeare 1647. to be even now neer at hand.

W I T H

The gathering together of the Jews in great Bodies  
under *Josias Catzius* (in *Ilyria*, *Bithinia*, and *Cappadocia*)  
for the conquering of the Holy Land.

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2 Peter 3. 10, 11.

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shall passe away with a great noise, and the element shall melt with fer-  
vent heat; the earth also and the works that are therein shal be burnt up.  
Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons  
ought we to be in all holy conversation and godlinesse.*

(The Prophecie of *Enoch* the seventh from *Adam*.)

*Behold the Lord cometh with thousands of his Saints.*

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*April 8<sup>th</sup>*

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# DOOMSDAY

The great Day of the Lord's Judgment  
proved by lightning and sword his judgments  
the one pointing at the great day the other at this  
present state of the world to be over and never to be  
renewed.

The gathering together of the Jews and Gentiles  
under Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of God  
for the completing of the Church.

1701. 10. 11.

The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens  
shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with  
heat; the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burnt up.  
Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons  
ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

(The Prophecies of Ezechiel the Prophet from chapter 38.)

Behold the Lord cometh with thousands of his saints.

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**Dooms-day: or, the great day of the  
Lords Judgement, proved by Scripture  
to be even now neare at hand.**

**S**etting aside all opinions of the Ethnicks who (some of them) affirme, that as the world had no beginning, so it shall never have end, that there are more worlds then one, that the face of things shall onely be changed, and not a finall dissolution; wee will informe our selves out of the Word of God, and from two other Prophecies, never before imparted, and finde out so far forth as we may whether or no the destruction of the world, and the second coming of Christ, be not even now to be expected.

It were needlesse to go about to prove, that most part of the Prophecies of the ancient Prophets are alreadie fulfilled.

Christ the Son of God, is come in the flesh, and hath performed the worke of our redemption: the Gospell hath been preached to all Nations, yea to those Nations that (when our Lord lived on earth) were not so much as heard of, nor knowne to be under heaven, who have been converted from Paganisme to Christianity, and are at this day zealous for the truth; the Jewes who betrayed the Lord of life, and crucified their redeemer, whose blood, according to their rash desires, hath been upon the heads of them and their children, and have (according as he prophesied) been scattered among all Nations: the remnant of those many hundred thousands the Sword of God, and *Vespasian* had spared, the abomination of desolation, spoken of by *Daniel*



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niel the Prophet, viz. the head of a swine in derision of the Jewish Religion set up over the gate of that Temple where God himselfe was once pleased to dwell, and which may certainly assure us, that the day of doom is even now at hand, according to the Prophecies of the Prophets; that before that day there shall be a restauration of Israel, even those people the Jewes, according to certaine and credible information, are at this time<sup>a</sup> assembling themselves together into one body from out of all countreys, wherinto they have been driven with a resolution to regaine the holy land once more out of the hand of Ottomans: But here we think I heare some men say, (but yet is not come the downefall of the Whore of Babylon, who hath made all Nations drunke with the wine of her fornication; That man of Sin, the Pope, who sitteth in the Temple of God, and is worshipped as God, hath not yet tasted of the fierceness of Gods wrath. I answer, That the fall of that Antichrist is even now at this present, he sitteth tottering on his seat, he hath a long time pursued the Israelites, viz. the faithfull servants of Jesus Christ, but now his Chariot wheels are taken off England, Scotland, and Wales, which some three hundred yeares agoe was wholly in subjection to the papall Throne, and wandred groping in an Egyptian darknes of Popery and Superstition, are now illuminated with the glorious light of the Gospell, and enjoy the pure and undoubted Word of God, sufficient for the salvation of their soules; the house of Austria have burst in sunder their yoke, and cast off the bondage of Antichrist, the Danes and Hollanders, sometime superstitious Papists, are at this present sincere Protestants. France even now also looking two waies, and desirous to renounce the Popes power, with divers other Kingdomes Principalities, Provinces and Dukedomes, formerly yeelding obedience to the See of Rome, now the haters of his usurped power: \* rejoyce over her thou heaven, and yee holy Apostles and Prophets, for God hath avenged you on her \* for true and righteous are his judgements, for hee hath judged the great Whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, but some may object, and say, why

\* Rev. 18.30.  
\* Chap. 19.  
Vers. 1.

Why yet the great and mighty King of Spaine with others,  
 stand firme to his holiness? I answer, and so may doe (even  
 all Christ coming to judgement) He shall be as a chaste  
 and say, I am no widdow; she shall say, though these Na-  
 tions and those Kingdomes are departed from me, and are  
 the servants of the living God, yet I am no widdow, the  
 King of Spaine be is my husband, and still maintaineth my  
 abominations: But marke what the Holy Ghost saith,  
 therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and  
 mourning, and famine, and she shall be utterly burnt with  
 fire, and least any should doubt her so sudden subversion, the  
 words ensuing tell them, without doubt it shall be so, for  
 strong is the Lord who judgeth her. This bringeth a Pro-  
 phecy into my minde, which I once saw in the study of  
 a great Schollar, and no meane Antiquary who deceased  
 some few years since, which I copied out, and having this  
 opportune occasion, will present it to publike view.

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 17, 8.

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 Vers. 8.

*When Chawcers Prophecie shall be  
 Found true by folk of Britanie,  
 When Englands walls, and Scotlands shall  
 Have pure religion amongst them all,  
 Then lon the Pope shall tumble downe,  
 And F. shall wear his triple crowne.*

Now the Prophecie of Geofrey Chawcer, who flourished in  
 the dayes of King Richard the second, ran thus:

*When faith failes in Priests Sames,  
 And Lords bests are taken for Lawes,  
 Then shall the Isle of Britanie  
 Be brought into great miserie.*

Now let us compare and examine these two Prophecies;  
 The first saith, when Chawcers Prophecie shall be fulfilled,  
 when troubles and miseries shall come upon great Britanie,  
 occasioned through the wickednesse of the Pastors, who  
 (themselves erring from the way) cause the people to walk  
 astray with them; for so he certainly meant when he said,

*When faith failes in Priests Sames.*

The fulfilling of the Prophecie was all know before our  
 present

present distractions: Was not the most part of the Clergy of this Kingdome given over to vice, and Epicurisme? when arbitrary power shall be endeavoured to be set up, and the Subjects of the Kingdome brought into bondage: for so he no doubt meant when he said,

*When Lords helts are taken for Lawes.*

Do we not know, that before the breaking forth of our present distractions, the power of the King was divulged to be over the people both body and goods, that a few persons in favour with his Majesty, imposed upon the Subjects of this Kingdome the great loane of Ship-money; and that the Earle of Straford proposed, that the tyrannicall power of the Kings of France might warrantably be exercised by the Kings of England: therefore when things should bee thus carried, he prophesied:

*Then shall the Isle of Britania*

*Be brought into great miserie.*

His Prophecie began to bee effected in the year 1640. and was fulfilled in the year 1644.

And have not our eyes seen the same fulfilled? What greater misery can come to a nation, then to be at variance among themselves, mutually to sheath their swords in each others bowells, to batter downe Cities one anothers heads, to have their Sovereigne in armes against them, and in a word, to have all the calamities of war at once heavy upon them; and this hath this poore Kingdome of England, till of late, undergone; therefore the fulfilling of *Chancers* Prophecie none but a mad man will denie.

But now for the other Prophecie, it comes more neere unto us, even to this present year 1647. for are not the three Kingdomes of England, Scotland and Wales entred into a solemne League and Covenant, to set up one and the same Religion in the three Kingdomes? then (if granted) now is the long lookt for yeare come, that Antichrist shall fall, and then the day of Doome shall happen; *But of that day and howe knoweth no man, no not the Angels which are in heaven, Mat. 13. 32.* that is, no man can positively affirme, that such a day in such a moneth, & at such an houre. The Prophet *Daniel* giveth us the time when it shall be, saying, *Dan. 12. 1.* And

and there

there



shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there  
was creation, neither time: and is not that time now? Is not  
the whole world involved in waies, was there ever such a  
time of trouble as there is now, since there was a Nation up-  
on the earth? And that those troubles foretell the neere  
approch of the day of Judgement, the very next Verse in-  
forms us, *And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth  
shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and  
contemning contempt.* Again, for our Saviours Prophecie,  
which confirms the Prophecie of the Prophet Joel, Jo-  
el 2. 1. *That the Sun shall be darkened, and the Moone shall  
be bloody, in the opinion of the Ancients, and of the best  
of our modern Divines, that the darkening of the Sun, nor  
darkening of the Moone is not to be expected, but rather the  
mysticall sense thereof, the Sun being taken for the glorious  
light of the Gospell, the Moone to prefigure the Church. But  
now what is meant when he saith,*

*And F. shall weare his triple crowne?*

I am not able to determine, whether (as is most likely)  
that some Prince, the first letter of whose name begins in F,  
shall plucke the Pope out of his Throne, let the learned  
judge, whole knowing minds are able to dive into such deep  
mysteries: it sufficeth me to be informed, that the ruine of  
Anticrist is neere, even at the doore, and that the day be-  
gins to draw nigh that God will visit them that dwell upon  
the earth, when God will make of them what they be that  
have hurt unjustly with their unrighteousnesse, and that the  
righteous man shall stand with great boldnesse before the fa-  
ces of them that have afflicted him, who when they see it,  
shall be amazed with terrible feare, and wonder at the  
strangenesse of his salvation; and they repenting and groa-  
ning for anguish of spirit within themselves, shall say, this  
is he whom we had sometime in derision, and a proverbe of  
reproach, we fooles accounted his life madnesse, but now he  
is numbred among the children of God, and hath his lot  
with the Saints.

There is a report spread abroad, and the common talk a-  
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about London, and so consequently over England, that full  
 a day in such a week the day of Dooms shall happen: others  
 will have it, that on that day Christ shall come againe on  
 earth, and there personally reign with his Elect a thousand  
 years: an opinion monstrous, and to be abhorred as much  
 as their opinion who contend, that the diuels shall at length  
 be released from their torments. We are sufficiently infor-  
 med in the Scriptures, and next to them from others, that  
 the day of Doome is even now at hand, and that the second  
 coming of Christ is each day and houre to be expected, what  
 remaineth then, but that we prepare our selves to meet the  
 Bridegroom, with the loynes of our minds girded, and oil  
 in our lamps, that when our Lord cometh, he may say, well  
 done good and faithfull servants, enter ye into my kingdom  
 and shall remain with me for ever and ever.

Now what is meant when he saith,

And I will reward his faithful servants

I am not able to determine, whether (as is most likely)  
 that some Prince, the first letter of whose name begins in A,  
 shall blinke the Tote out of his Throne, let the learned  
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There is a reported story, and the common tale



# LETTERS

FROM

SAFFRON - WALDEN

THE

Generalls Head Quarters,

By way of Apologie and Vin-  
dication of the Army under his Excel.

lency Sir THOMAS FAIRFAX, of  
some late groundlesse aspersions  
cast upon them.

Together with a true Account of the proce-  
dings and Resolutions of that Army upon the  
late Resolves and Declaration of the Parliament  
concerning the Petition of the Officers and  
Souldiers in the Army, to his Excellency Sir  
THOMAS FAIRFAX.

Also the Copie of a second Petition from the County of  
ESSEX, intended to both the Houses of  
PARLIAMENT.

*April 9<sup>th</sup>*

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